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In the application of:

Steven Teig

Serial No.: 09/739,589

Filing Date: 12/15/2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
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PLACEMENT COST ATTRIBUTES TO
QUANTIFY THE QUALITY OF A
PLACEMENT CONFIGURATION WITHIN A
PARTITIONED REGION

Examiner: Annette Thompson

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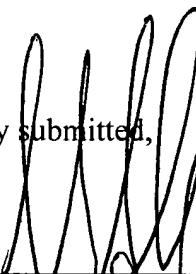
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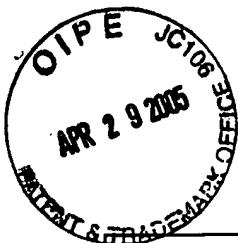
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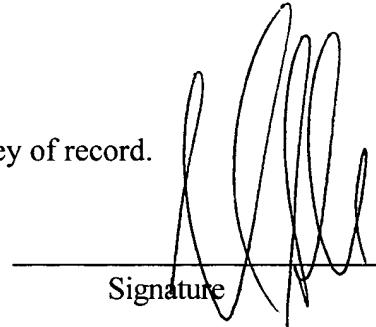
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